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WHITE FARMER IN HAWAII

Miss Katherine Coman, Professor of Economics Business Men Talk of Measures in Legislature at Wellesley, on Hawaii's Impending Crisis.

Katherine Coman, professor of econorecent number of the Boston Trans-

At Wahtawa, in the upland valley that lies between the Walanae Mountains and the Koolau range, two-thirds of the distance by the old postroad from Honolulu to Waialua, some American farmers are making an experiment hat may mean much for the industrial future of Hawaii. Five years ago they took up a tract of Government land agreeing to pay from \$3 to \$7 an acre. the appraised market value. The twelve hundred acres were allotted to The very best Lime and in the the thirteen families represented in the settlement in proportion to the number of workers in each. In order to acquire fee simple title the several owners had to live upon their lands for two consecutive years, and to bring one-fourth of their tract under cultivation according to the requirements for freehold purchasers.

The land was originally overgrown with lantana and covered by excess of vegetable matter. Clearing and plowng soon brought air and sunshine into play and restored the soil to a high degree of fertility. The altitude of Wahiawa is one thousand feet, and the climate more bracing than is often to be found in mid-Pacific, with no ex-treme heat and no frosts. The rainfall is not adequate for agriculture, but the olony has merged its water rights with those of Waialua sugar plantation and now secures abundant irrigation on easy terms. The cost of transportation is here, as with most Hawaiian enterthe well-nigh insuperable difficulty, Honolulu, the only domestic mar-ket and the sole medium of export trade, may be reached by the Oahu Railroad, but the available stations are seven and fifteen miles distant, and a series of deep guiches make the wagon haul a costly one.

The colonists were destined to see hard times. Of the original baker's dozen, not more than half are today living at Wahiawa. Financial or family difficulties have forced one after another to abandon the enterprise, but their places have been taken by others. and there are now fourteen householders in the settlement. Most of their failures may be attributed to one or another of the many pests that civilization has brought to the islands. crop of melons that was expected to pay a handsome profit fell a prey to the cutworm. Vegetables were eaten up by the same voracious foe. Heavy trade winds stunted the orange trees, and the peach trees put out premature

The farmers are now pinning their faith to pineapples. This is a plant unloved of the cutworm and the Japanese beetle. Scale, the besetting vice of an orange orchard, is readily held in check since the plants can be sprayed with ease. Climatic conditions. equable temperature and a humid atmosphere conspire to produce the most luscious fruit that grows-great yellow of juice and a minimum of fibre. Hahigh price in the Eastern markets, but, lacking the Isthmian canal, the difficulty of sending ripe fruit to the Atlantic coast prohibits this trade. There is, however, considerable demand for canned pineapple a commodity that may be shipped to any part of the world. Arrangements are now complete for two canneries, where high-grade preserves and pineapple syrup will be prepared.

BYRON O. CLARK'S VIEWS.

Mr. Byron O. Clark, the promoter of his attempt to domesticate the Amerian farmer in Hawaii, is sanguine of December, the very best selling season. Give us the Christmas trade and they That will be a paying thing when we once get the attention of the market. It's more fasty than maple syrup, and will cost the same. You see the juice of the pineapple has digestive qualities Physicians will recommend it. Children can eat as many buckwheat cakes as they like and come to no harm. "Labor? Well, we have to employ

Chinamen at present. It's the best we settlement. It has never been used as can do. White labor can't be had. We an encampment and probably never are offering \$10 a month and a good will dwelling-house, rent free, for an Amercan to run the plow. Chinamen can't do that work. They haven't the in derstand, but it's precious hard work getting a new idea into their heads. Japanese better? Not half so goodan unreliable lot-I wouldn't have them

The American can't work in this climate? That's not proved. The heat coffee market. We seem to be outside should not pass. During the discussion phone system, with power to engage an the regular trade channels and we it was orought out that certain members can't get into the swim. Are there thought there should be no action and that a similar committee be appointed are finer than in Southern California. I have lived in the land of orange-blos-

The following article written by | soms twenty-seven years so I know what I'm talking about. The Ewa exmics in Wellesley College, appears in a periment failed, yes; but that was not a fair test. The management meant well and they made a good business proposition, but the superintendent had no faith in the thing, and threw cold water from the start. Then the living conditions were such as no Americans would accept. A row of whitewashed shantles on stilts, built all alike and all in one The women got into a tangle with their gardens and their chickens. No church privileges, and the children went to school with a lot of Japs and Portuguese. Learned pigeon-English, Pertuguese and Hawaiian mixed. men weren't the right sort eithersober and all that, but lacked sand; tenant farmers from Missouri most of hem, sort of fellows that aren't loosng for hard work. When they began

sub-letting the job to Japanese, the company decided they could dispense with their services. If Ewa plantation would set aside a thousand acre-tract and give twenty intelligent farmers ong term leases of fifty-acre lots, ach family, they would get much better crops than they can grow with Japanese labor. Work unsuited to the Anglo-Saxon? No. Why I'm experimenting with an acre of cape right here. I planted rose bamboo in rows eight feet apart. This cane grows straight and strong. A horse and plow can get down the furrows as long as cultivation is needed. As for stripping, my cane is no more difficult to get through than a field of corn, but the rose bamboo doesn't need much stripping. Field could be cut by steam same as corn. The planters have offered a prize of en thousand dollars for a machine that will cut their cane, but you could as easily run a corn cutter through an African jungle. That field has had no irrigating and no fertilizer, but it will yield five tons of sugar. Ewa raises ten ons to the acre, but their crop cost four times as much. My scheme of etting the rows wide apart not only nakes cultivation easier, it actually recults in an improved quality of cane. The greater amount of air and sunshine admitted to the stalks enriches I've had my cane tested

ands. pany of the big sugar companies own their lands. They rent on long leases from the Government or from some Kanaka estate. They could not sell the land if they would, but they prefer to rave it under their own supervision. The more progressive of the managers see that the Jap as a wage-paid laborer can never be a success and they are trying the contract company scheme. Co-operation is something the Jap unis in him both as laborer and as man, cure. To my thinking, the solution of the planter's labor problem lies right there, a strong official and a bill which would "Annexation hasn't Americanized the ians in a population of 154.000, accord- official at its head. pointed. Meantime the Japanese are bill. coming in at a rate that will Orientalize the country before many years. The only hope for white civilization, as I see it, is the small farmer. At home he is the sheet anchor of political and social institutions, and he would be here, once given a chance,

matter than any other grown in the isl-

THE LAND LAWS.

that for the past twenty years. The that there should be success. "I think we've hit upon the right thing at last." said he, proudly exhibiting a field of ripening fruit: "our pineapples are far superior to farmer and the Kanaka peasant. There The committee called attention to one those grown in Mexico. Moreover, we can get our fruit to market sooner than purchase. It would puzzle a Philadel-We can reach San Francisco in phia lawyer to see his title clear under phia lawyer to see his title clear under that act. Can't expect Americans to tee suggested that there should be Give us the Christmas trade and they can have the rest! Well ripened fruit will hear transportation all right if properly packed on ice. Why, I've sent pines to Dakota and sold them at a profit, although the freight rate was a weed. This land for which I paid \$5 an acre four years ago is now worth to the rest of take up and when they can get it on better terms at home. However, when a man once opens up land in Hawaii, its value grows like a weed. This land for which I paid \$5 an acre four years ago is now worth \$2,50 per dozen. But we are relying, in the long run, on the sale of our canned ment in the United States. The pity products. We shall put up first class is that there is so little left, only 55,000 preserves none of your adulterated acres of agricultura! land is still at the stuff. I not a can once to see what it disposal of the land commissioners. as made of. Found it twe-thirds Two years ago the United States govpiple—inferior grade of apple at that. ernment stepped in and set aside as a proved by the committee. Tave you tried our pineapple syrup? military reservation a fourteen-thou. The committee called at colony. A deputation of army officers castor oil plants and machinery was came here to select a camp where the exempted. The committee was not in broken down soldiers from the Phil- favor of any exemptions whatever ippines might be sent to recuperate. The Secretary of War approved their best land on Oahu for the small farm- provides that the President shall be a er's purposes, entirely withdrawn from paid official, Mr. Swaazy asked that the settlement. It has never been used as Chamber express its views as to the

"When I first came to the Islands, coffee was the hope of the small farmer. Scores of enterprising young fellows telligence and the nerve. They will do what they are told when once they unmoney to develop it, and hoping to re-pay with interest in a few years. But they couldn't make it go. Kona coffee brought no price. Java can be grown here as well as anywhere. There's a fine plantation over in Makaha valley. but the product cuts no figure in the

(Continued on page 7.)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VS. ORIENTAL LABOR HEARS REPORT ON BILLS

and Discuss Situation in Reference to Telephone System.

(From Thursday's dally.)

What is possible under the present telephone installation was the subject of a rather heated discussion at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, and a committee was appointed to act with a similar committee of the Merchants' Association so as to find out the possibilities and to make a report, which may guide the action of the business men of the city in their relations to a new company,

There was too a general discussion of the acts now before the legislature and the committee of the Chamber was authorized to keep in touch with all measures and look over those which the business men think wise for the people and vested interests of the Territory. There was unanimity upon many of the bills and the committee will keep close tab on all acts.

W. F. Allen was chosen chairman in the matter of the railroad through the absence of Vice President Cooke. Kalihi valley to Kahuku the commitnominations of F. L. Waldron. George P. Dennison and Elmer E. Pax- emptions, calling attention as well to ton were received and E. I. Spalding, who was nominated at the February meeting, was elected to membership in the chamber.

E. D. Tenney, for the Legislative by the Houses of Legislature. The comlowing five acres for a homestead for mittee was getting into touch with all these bills.

HILO BILL TOO BROAD.

In considering the various bills Mr. Tenney suggested that the bill granting franchise for street railway in Hilo was too broad as to limits of power to be used. As to the Depository bill it was asked by Mr. Lowrey if the committee wished an expression of the Chamber. The committee made no recommendation as it was unable to learn how much money would ever be in the Territorial treasury.

STRICT AGRICULTURAL QUARAN-TINE.

Senate Bill No. 9 as to agricultural parantine was deemed a most important measure, and its being strengthened was urged. It was said further that earth as ballast or in cargo should not be landed but dumper at sea.

Mr. Swanzy said that there should be imendments making the measure far reaching. He said the danger is greater than any one imagined. He cited the importation of Australian pears, the lantana blight and a recent importation by an expert, and he says that it will importation of cocoanuts there were 150 yield a higher percentage of saccharine insects with thirty-two new varieties. He said there should be capable entomologists employed and called attenwill ever be cut up into farms. Not tion to the fact that no other port had any scientists. He therefore recommended that no fruit or plants be imported into the Territory except through this port, and that all be carefully inspected.

FOR THOROUGH DEPARTMENT. Mr. Tenney said he would be in favor of working for the establishment of a competent Agricultural thoroughly

Bureau, with wide powers and headed derstands. It brings out the best there by the most able men possible to se-Senator Isenberg said he would favor

enable the formation of a strong buones of pulp, containing a maximum islands. There are only 16,000 Caucas- reau with the appointment of a strong wallan pineapples would command a ing to the last census, a smaller propor- The committee was authorized to pro-

tion than in 1896. Many Americans ceed with its suggestions to the Legiswho came out here then, thinking to lature and have authority to employ make fortunes, have gone home disap- an attorney to draw a tight coherent

FIGHT OVER FISHERIES. The fishing bill was then called up, it being shown that the object of the large mesh bill was to prevent the Chinese and Japanese fishermen from us ing nets which scoop in every thing. Mr. Isenberg saying that where they get small fish not fit for the market, "Homestead lands? Well, Governor the Orientals feed mem to pigs or use Dole and men like him have advocated them as fertilizer. Mr. Swanzy said that for the past twenty years. The that there should be some strong pro-

come out here to take up land when amendments making it necessary for the placing of the works where they would not be an eyesore and protecting the people as to the use of the It was noted that the Kalauokalani

license and tax bills had gone to the County bill committee for consideration.

The act providing for the return to the fee system in pilotage was disap-

The committee called attention to the sand-acre tract right alongside this fact that the land was not exempt when STANDS BY HEALTH BOARD.

Considering the bill relative to the recommendation,, and there it lies, the Board of Health reorganization, which propriety of urging the bill. There was much discussion over the proposal, the principal point made being that the best man could not be obtained for any that it did not approve of act 37, Senate

As to the permitting of grocers doing

In the matter of the railroad through tee reiterated its position against exthe running of steam engines on King and Queen streets.

As to the medical license bill the committee was opposed on the ground that it would make it impossible for many Committee, reported that the commit-tee had a copy of each act now printed would be unwise as affecting plants. would be unwise as affecting plantations.

CORPORATION BILL FAVORED On the bill affecting the right of corporations to own other stocks and lands of other corporations the committee favored the bill, as it makes the present law better.

Taking up House bills the act repealing the poll taxes was disapproved entirely, the suspect law was likewise disapproved. The committee approves of the bill against the destruction of property without proper appraisement. The committee disapproved the plan to send youths abroad for education.

The committee likewise disapproved of the act which would permit the treatment of leprosy by any person and suspending the suspect law. As to the Hackmen's bill the suggestion is made to the personnel of the examiners, two of whom are to be hackdrivers.

AGAINST PAYING JUDGES.

The act providing for increased pay for judges was discussed at some length the consensus being that the judges are underpaid. J. A. Kennedy suggested that the matter of extra compensation be put in the hands of the Delegate to of cane with leaf hoppers. In a recent | Washington and the Chamber then disapproved of House Bill No. 29.

As to the extension of fire limits the committee said that the opinion of insurance men was that the bill was too sweeping and that it would appear that the bill would fail because of the great ooundary to be established. Action was left to the underwriters.

WILL HAVE ASSISTANCE.

The committee in conclusion asked for assistance, Mr. Swanzy saying that if the business men really wished to keep in touch with the course of legislation, there should be assistance given the committee. He suggested that the committee be authorized to secure such clerical and legal assistance as may be deemed necessary.

After the motion had been made the was made that each member of the Chamber should be notified that the committee was in existence and would be ready to look into any matter submitted.

Chairman Tenney suggested that ome provision should be made for the purpose of keeping the Chamber informed of the course of action. It was the opinion that the committee could be depended upon to look after the interests of the community.

CRAIG IS ENDORSED.

Hugh Craig's letter to C. M. Cooke, announced that his name had been Canal Commissioner, and requested a Canal Commissioner, and requesting a note of endorsement. The Chamber then directed that a letter be sent to the President endorsing Mr. Craig, who present system is capable of being perwas formerly President of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

WIRELESS SUBSIDY.

Mr. Swanzy called up the matter of the Inter-Island Telegraph Company saying that Mr. Cross had presented a memorial to the Legislature asking for a subsidy, and saying it did not seem possible to establish the system to Kauai without a subsidy, B. F. Dilling-ham said that some one had said that he had been told that his name had been used as president of the company, but he did not know of any such election. He said further that C. J. Hutchins had suggested that a subsidy of thousands of dollars would be need-

It was made known that the subsidy now being paid by private firms would lapse on July 1. B. F. Dillingham said perhaps a subsidy should be granted, ither by the government or by private parties, say of \$25,000 a year. might be a time when the telegraph would save a great deal of money.

Mr. Macfarlane said he was not ready to do anything until the system had become a business proposition, as in the past it had been only a delusion.

Col. Allen announced that the intention was to ask a subsidy of \$1,000 a month for two years, as there is great necessity for the close communication. TO INVESTIGATE TELEPHONES.

The letter of the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Association, anmore than \$100,000 business to sell nouncing the appointment of a commit-liquors, the sense of the Chamber appeared to be that Senate Bill No. 38, ton and Wight, to investigate the teleso the matter was passed without any by the Chamber. Mr. Macfariane said tered in the city is 13,575 of whom 5,077 declaration.

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taken up the matter because the telephone service was so bad that the merchants must know whether the fected or whether a new system must be started.

B. F. Dillingham said he believed the new system would wipe out the old one, so he thought there should be some combination now, which would give the stockholders of the present company a chance to get out. They should be protected and the wires which are now

up capable of use, should be utilized. J. A. Kennedy said it was time that something be done as for two years there had been the same condition. The motion for a committee passed and the hairman appointed Messrs. Kennedy, Pfotenhauer and Focke, after which

the Chamber adjourned. Those present were: Messra Allen. Prawley, Lowrey, Dillingham, Parmelee, Hall, Waller, Gartenberg, D. P. R. Isenberg, Kennedy, Macfarlane, Swanzy, Focke, Muhlenberg, Hoogs, Lange. Pfotenhauer, J. A. McCandless, Waitey and H. A. Isenberg.

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Collector Chamberlain has reported to the regular trade channels and we it was arought out that certain members can't get into the swim. Are there thought there should be no action and that a similar committee be appointed to the matter was passed without any by the Chamber Mr. Macfarlane said